WILLIAMS ON "STANDPATTERS"

Representative "Gussie" Gardner of Massachusetts, son-in-law of Senator Lodge, butted into the tariff speech which John Sharp Williams was making the other day. Gardner put some hypothetical questions about the duties on hides, and Williams said one of the propositions could be done.

"If the gentleman says it could be done," said Gardner, "may I be excused if I ask him if he believes in Santa

"I do in a way," Williams replied. "I believe in it just as I believe in the

faith, and I believe that the Massafrom Massachusetts and in yourself and in the entire republican congressional representation to revise the tariffs an awfully useful cult to encourage republican voters, who seem to be as full of credulity as children are at Christmas, to remain in line."

That was about all for Mr. Gardner.

-Minneapolis Journal.

PRIMARY PLEDGE PLAN

be read by some one not familiar with the details of the primary pledge plan, it is necessary to say that according to the terms of this plan every democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all the primaries of his party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to secure a clear, honest and straightforward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak. Those desireing to be enrolled can either write to the Commoner approving the object of the organization and asking to have their names entered on the roll, or they can fill out and mail the blank pledge, which is print ed on this page.

The following letters are self-ex

planatory.

Jesse J. Dunn, chairman Democratic Territorial committee—That Oklahoma stands fifth in the number of primary pledges sent in, speaks well for the condition of the democratic party in the territory. It shows that its membership is alive and aware of the fundamental proposition that all just governments exist and operate by consent of and to serve their creators, and those who maintain them. Fondly do we hope, trust and believe that we are on the verge of statehood and the interest mentioned indicates that the provisions of our constitution will be understood and dictated by the great common people. The expression in the primary is the beginning of legislation and here will be put into operation in its simplest form, the principle of direct legislation, which provision will doubtless, become part of the organic law of our state. South Dakota and Oregon have led off, and other states are soon to follow. Oklahoma should be one of them. Thus will be held in the hands of the people, the life and death power over all legislation affecting them, and scandals among lawbreakers will disappear. It will work to the purification of politics, and measures and not men or party will make the issues.

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> be taken up earnestly everywhere. If and more likely less. The man who has an axe to grind becomes a delegate to the county convention by getting a few of his friends to the caucus who don't know or don't care what he stands for and thus ofter corruption is sanctioned at the bottom. It is true that republican caucuses have fared no better but the conditions are different. The rank and file of the republican party are not supposed to mould the destiny of party; their duty is confined to standing pat at all times."

EDITORIALS BY COMMONER READERS

natures. The results as indicated on ceedings.)

New England fetich that the republi- this pledge represent the work of just can party will revise the tariff. I a few minutes', as, down in this counthink that Santa Claus is a very use- try, democrats are all believers in the ful cult among children to encourage principles as enunciated by W. J. Bryan, and it would be an easy matter chusetts reliance in the junior senator to fill pages with the signatures of those who are in favor of the pledge and what it stands for. Believing as I do that your paper is one of the greatest factors in the United States toward building up and maintaining democratic principles, I wish you every success possible in your efforts.

L. Mighell, Washta, Iowa.-Enclosed find \$1.00 in payment of the continuation of my subscription. I am interested in the reforms and principles advocated by The Commoner, and hope to see them carried into effect in the future, and every day am contributing my mite of influence to that end. There is one thing I have not yet seen The Commoner speak of, one of the recent occurrences in and then live up to it, success in the labor troubles is the arrest of Moyer and Haywood of Colorado in connection with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. It is charged by the union that the arrest and imprisonment of these men is the result of a preconceived plot The Winona (Minn.) Leader, edited fostered by corporate interests with by P. J. Barth, says: "W. J. Bryan, the intent to overthrow and bring in his paper, The Commoner, is into public contempt and censure one spreading a wonderful campaign of of the leading organizations of the education in securing the pledges of west. What does The Commoner democrats to attend all caucuses held know about this question? I have for their party and the matter should read the utterances of Eugene V. Debs upon this question and if the only half the democrats of the nation accusations he makes are true it could be aroused to a point of action seems to me that one of the most and attend the caucuses the rank and daring and atrocious crimes of the file of the party would name the next times is about to be committed. If president and the politicians, the The Commoner is a ch mpion of the leeches upon the body politic of the rights of the people it eems to me nation, would weaken and sink into that the Moyer and Haywood affair oblivion for want of sustenance. The should be closely watched by some work of the St. Louis convention in member of its staff and the facts 1904 which resulted in the nomination given to the Commoner readers. of Alton B. Parker did not actually re- Every plutocratic press of the United flect the sentiment of five per cent of States has denounced these men as the democratic voters of the country criminals and is using its influence but it became possible through the to prejudice public opinion against inactivity and disinterestedness of them. We know that some years agothe masses. The situation in the past these same tactics were resorted to has been simply this: in a precinct in the trial and conviction of the men where there are perhaps a hundred accused of murder in connection with democratic voters there are seldom the bomb throwing and death of half a dozen votes cast at a caucus, some of the citizens and policemen of Chicago on Haymarket street. Today every fair-minded man who has investigated the matter knows that the trial was a farce and that the men hung were judicially murdered by the plutocratic interests of the country. Can it be that another such plutocratic conspiracy and tragedy is about to be committed? If Moyer and Haywood are innocent of the crime charged and are the victims of a plutocratic conspiracy, The Commoner with its national influence can do much towards enlightening an already misinformed public. We know that crimes are committed every day by capital and the guilty go unpunished and sometimes undiscovered. M. D. Lightfoot of Humansville, Mo. Will not the present affair in the -Enclosed find a club of ten together west bear close watching? (It will with a draft for \$6.00. You will also bear close watching and Commoner find a pledge with twenty-eight sig- readers will be informed of the pro-

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